



Dear District 10 Friends & Residents,

In 2006 Mayor Gonzales was forced to resign his position on the Coyote Valley Task Force and the City Council appointed me Co-Chair of the Task Force. Since that time I have worked diligently to keep District 10 residents informed of the progress of the Task Force and fought hard to minimize any impacts possible development could have on district 10. Ensuring that traffic, noise, environment, and wildlife impacts are addressed in the Specific Plan has been my main priority.

On March 30th, the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was released for public comment. Since that time my office has been sorting through 4 volumes of material and identifying impacts to District 10. The DEIR highlights a number of impacts. 22 intersections were studied in District 10, mainly along Almaden Expressway and Santa Teresa Blvd (for a full list please visit my web site at www.sanjoseca.gov/district10). Below is a summary of impacts that our roadways will bear if the Specific Plan is adopted under the current parameters:

1. Almaden Expressway & Coleman Ave
 - The Level of Service (LOS) would degrade to LOS E under project conditions. (Significant Impact)
2. Almaden Expressway & Blossom Hill Rd.
 - The LOS would be LOS E during the PM peak hour and the addition of project traffic would cause the critical-movement delay at the intersection to increase by four or more seconds. (Significant Impact)
3. Almaden Expressway & Almaden Plaza Way
 - The operating level would be LOS E during the PM peak hour and the intersection would degrade to LOS F under project conditions. (Significant Impact)
4. McKean Rd & Harry Rd.
 - Increase in traffic
 - Proposed Mitigation: Addition of a traffic signal
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Over the next several months the Coyote Valley Task Force will be meeting to refine the Specific Plan and offer alternatives. I plan to propose alternatives that avoid the above impacts to District 10. If the Specific Plan is to move forward with my support it will have to successfully avoid these significant impacts to District 10.

Best Wishes,

Nancy Pyle
Councilmember, District Ten

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Councilmember Nancy Pyle stands with Alex Garwood of the Pat Tillman Foundation, Sam and Lissa from local radio station 94.5 KBAY and Almaden Business Association President Rich Crowley. The topic for the morning radio show was Pat's Run, which brought out people from all over the Bay Area to run at Leland High School on Sunday, April 29th. The goal was to honor Pat Tillman's legacy and to raise money for the Leadership through Action program set up by the Tillman Foundation.

2007-08 BUDGET

To ensure that District 10 residents have a chance to weigh-in on the proposed 2007-08 Budget, **I will be hosting the 2nd Annual District 10 Budget/Neighborhood Forum on Saturday, May 5th from 10 am to noon at the Almaden Winery Community Center.** Deputy City Manager, Mark Linder will present the City Manager's proposal. After the presentation, Strong Neighborhoods Manager Laura Lam and my Chief of Staff, Leland Wilcox, will lead a discussion and priority setting session with District 10 residents.



Make An Impact in District 10!



Thinking of ways to get involved in our community? For more information please contact the District 10 Office at (408) 535-4910

Great American Litter Pickup

Saturday, May 19th, 2007

Clean-up: 8:30 am - 11:00 am

Lunch: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Help clean up litter in San Jose. To participate in this year's Litter Pick Up, call (408) 277-3208 to sign up for one of the meeting locations listed below. On the day of the event, register at your meeting location and receive litter clean-up supplies. Following the event, join us for a Celebration Lunch at the Center for Employment Training. Lunch is free for volunteers.

Citywide Update

• Sports Fields Study

San Jose city staff have developed the scope for the City's community sports fields study, which will include fields used for lacrosse/field hockey, soccer, softball, rugby, cricket, and flag football. The study will also include an updated inventory of facilities, opportunities for partnership to expand facilities, and best management practices for operations and maintenance. For those who may be interested in participating in this effort, monthly general community meetings have been scheduled from 6 - 7:30 pm, upcoming meetings are as follow:

May 14th - Berryessa Youth Center, 1970 Morrill Ave.

June 11th - Alum Rock Youth Center, 137 North White Rd.

July 9th - Gardner Community Center, 520 W. Virginia St.

August 13th - Solari Community Center, 3590 Cas Dr.

A complete meeting schedule is available online at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/RecreationSports/sfindex.asp>

• Inside San Jose

On March 29th, the City launched the first edition of "Inside San Jose," the City's new monthly electronic newsletter. "Inside San Jose" is designed to get the news about the City directly to community organizations, neighborhood groups and other agencies. Check out the latest issue at http://www.sanjoseca.gov/cityManager/pdf/ISJ_Eng_04-07.pdf or visit the City Manager's page to see a number of other publications and reports at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/cityManager/pubs.asp>.

District 10's location is Vista Park (New Compton and Hyde Park Dr.) Meet in the VEP Room at 8:30 am.

Community Educational Forum: Wildlife of Coyote Valley

Sunday, May 6th, 2007

**1 - 4 pm at the Almaden Library &
Community Center
(6445 Camden Ave.)**

Plan to attend a community forum to learn more about Coyote Valley, the 6,800-acre swath of open space and farmland between San Jose and Morgan Hill, being planned for development.



- **MAXjet Airways**

On April 23rd, MAXjet Airways executives met with elected officials and community and business leaders to determine the viability of a possible MAXjet San Jose-London flight. MAXjet Airways will be making a decision in early May, following additional meetings with business leaders who would fly using the Business Class only airline.

- **Traffic Enforcement Activities**

The average number of traffic collisions at the 10 highest crash locations (70) decreased 9% (64 crashes) in the third quarter of this fiscal year. This can likely be attributed to the Police Department's 2,900 hours of focused enforcement and over 3,200 citations issued at these locations. It is also important to mention that during this quarter there were approximately 300 fewer Citywide crashes compared to the same time period last year; and fiscal year-to-date, there have been approximately 1,100 fewer crashes than there were at the same time in 2005-06.

On April 7th, SJPd conducted a "driving under the influence" (DUI) checkpoint on S. 4th st., between San Fernando and San Carlos. Over 1200 vehicles were screened, resulting in nine DUI arrests, 36 driver license violations and 42 vehicle impounds. Also, from April 5th through April 7th, the SJPd made 41 arrests in the Entertainment Zone for violations such as drunk in public, resisting arrest, etc.

- **Pharmaceutical Pilot**

City staff have submitted a \$300,000 grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish a pilot collection program for outdated or unwanted medications to prevent pollution of the Bay (which occurs when they are flushed or poured down the drain). If awarded, the grant enables the City to implement the program in partnership with local hospitals, senior centers and other organizations including the EPA's Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Program.

- **Enviromental Rates and Fees Online**

Information on the City's new rates, fees and fines for Environmental Services & Utilities is now conveniently and centrally located online at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/esd/rates.asp>

- **Study Session on Water Quality Issues**

A joint meeting with the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board and the San Jose City Council occurred on April 20th, 2007. This annual meeting focused on stormwater management, hydromodification (the impact of excess water on the land and streams downstream of the point of origin), and groundwater protection. For more information on these topics and more, please visit the Santa Clara Valley Water District's website at <http://www.valleywater.org/index.htm>

- **Transportation Maintenance Master Plant Community Meetings**

The City of San Jose is seeking input from its residents to help develop a list of funding priorities related to improving conditions of pavement; street trees; sidewalks; curb ramps; street lights; curbs and gutters; street signs and markings; and median landscaping. San Jose residents are invited to attend any one of 10 community meetings to discuss these issues, along with possible funding strategies to address the budget shortfall. **District 10's meeting is scheduled for May 9th at 6:30 pm in the Almaden Community Center (6445 Camden Avenue).** For more information, please contact the City's Transportation Department at (408) 535-3844 or via e-mail at streetmaintneeds@sanjoseca.gov.

Coyote Valley is also home to rare wildlife including tule elk, mountain lions, badgers and endangered butterfly species. The City of San Jose is releasing a draft Environmental Impact Report on its plan to develop the valley. This is an important opportunity to protect Coyote Valley's wildlife habitat and biological diversity.

This is a free event and open to the public. For more information please visit www.greenfoothills.org/calendar.

City Wide Phone List

Call Center	535-3500
Police Non-Emergency	311
Anti-Graffiti/Litter	277-3208
Animal Care	578-7297
City Arborist	277-2762
Crime Prevention	277-4133
Crime Stoppers	947-STOP
Drug Hotline	971-DRUG
DOT	277-4373
Environmental Services	535-8550
Hazardous Materials	277-4659
Housing	535-3860
Neighborhood Development Center	723-4114
Parking Enforcement	534-2900
Vehicle Abatement	277-5305
Gang Hotline	293-4264

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- **Solution Summit - Alternative Energy**

On April 9th leaders from across the Bay Area met at AMD in Sunnyvale for the Alternative Energy Solutions Summit with U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, Chair of the Environment and Public Works Committee. Topics of conversation included federal action, energy efficiency and commute solutions. In addition, with an emphasis on solutions, the leadership group and Silicon Valley Power donated 1,000 compact fluorescent bulbs to give away to interested Silicon Valley residents, including conference participants. The energy savings of 1,000 compact fluorescent bulbs is 450,000 kW hours, enough to power 35 homes for a year. This also results in the savings of \$44,000 per year.

District 10 Announcements, Highlights & Events



Adopt-a-rose for Mother's Day

Adopt a rose in the San Jose Heritage Rose Garden and present your mom with a very attractive gift package that contains potpourri made from rose petals from the Heritage Rose Garden, a chocolate truffle from Schurra's, and a handmade bar of bee's wax soap. This special gift package is available for \$50, inclusive of the rose adoption, which consists of a plaque with your personal message for Mom installed by her rose for a full year. **To order call 298-7657 or visit www.grpg.org.**

Rose Petal Mother's Day Cards

May 12, 2007

9:30 AM to Noon (Drop-in between 9:30 and 11:30 AM)

Dads and grandparents – help your kids and grandkids show appreciation for Mom! The ***Friends of Guadalupe River Park & Gardens*** will be using dried petals from the Heritage Rose Garden to create Mother's Day cards. There will also be a chance to take a tour of the rose garden and pick a special rose (from the over 3500 varieties!) to take home to Mom.

The workshop is designed for children two years of age and older and will be held at the Heritage Rose Garden in Guadalupe Gardens, located at the corner of Spring and Taylor Streets in San Jose. **The fee for the workshop is \$5.00 for Friends of GRPG members and \$10.00 for non-members.** All children must be

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Community Calendar May 2007

In our world this month there will be a presidential elections in France and Turkey; England and Scotland mark the 300th anniversary of the Act of Union of their parliaments; and Cannes France is taken over by thousands of movie lovers.

Mon., May 7th: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

**Santa Teresa Foothills
Neighborhood Association
(STFNA) General Meeting**

Southside Community Center , 5585 Cottle Road

Wed., May 9th: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

**Transportation Maintenance
Master Plan Community Meeting**

Almaden Community Center ; 6445
Camden Avenue

accompanied by an adult. The workshops will be open for attendance between 9:30 and 11:30 AM. Reserve a spot by sending a check to: Friends of Guadalupe River Park & Gardens, 438 Coleman Avenue, San Jose, CA 95110. Visa and MasterCard are also accepted via phone or mail. **For more information please visit www.grpg.org or contact Kary Houle, the Education Coordinator, at education@grpg.org or 408-298-7657.**

Children's Discovery Museum's 8th Annual Summer of Service Program

Enrollment for Children's Discovery Museum's Summer of Service (SOS) program is now open. This unique program gives youth the opportunity to spend one week of their summer participating in a one-of-a-kind community service program. Youth entering grades 7 through 10 can have fun, make new friends, meet new challenges and make a difference in the community. Session 1: June 25 - July 5; Session 2: July 9 - July 20; Session 3: July 23 - August 3; and Session 4: August 6 - August 17. For more information please call 298-5437 ext. 243 or visit www.cdm.org/sos.

Neighborhood Center

A Letter from Captain Cavallaro, the Southern Division's Police Captain

My name is Captain David Cavallaro and I was promoted to Captain on February 11, 2007, at which time I took over as the new Captain of Southern Division. I am a native San Josean, and have been employed by the San Jose Police Department for almost 25 years. I have worked a variety of assignments as a Lieutenant including: Vice and Intelligence, Gang Investigations, Internal Affairs and Patrol. I am very excited to be commanding the Southern Division and I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as I can. Recently I have been attending as many community meetings as I can to get to know the residents and community leaders in the Southern Division, so if you have an upcoming meeting that you would like me to attend, please do not hesitate to email me or call my office.

In regard to your concerns about the residential burglaries, I would just remind residents that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and by that I mean that residents should make sure that they **keep their doors and windows locked, keep an eye out for strangers and suspicious vehicles in their neighborhoods and call 9-1-1 when they do see these types of people and vehicles.** Residents can trim shrubs away from their homes and install motion sensor lights to eliminate hiding places for those intent on committing burglaries and thefts. Lastly, I would encourage residents to form a neighborhood watch because one thing that we do know for sure, is that criminals do not like neighborhoods that are organized and residents who look out for each other.

As far as auto burglaries go, I must always remind folks that a car is not a vault because it has windows and glass, which are very easy to break. It takes an experienced thief less than 30 seconds to break a car window, enter the vehicle and take whatever property you have left inside. Because this is a crime of opportunity, the thieves are looking for laptops, purses, camera, Ipods and the like, left in plain view in the interior of a car. Thieves like these types of property because the items are easily concealed and easily sold for cash or traded for drugs. This type of property is rarely recovered, so if you value your hard earned possessions, please do not leave them in your cars where they are too tempting for a thief to pass up.

Wed., May 9th: 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Montevideo Homeowners' Association Monthly Meeting
Corner of Coleman and Camden, in the clubhouse behind the pool

Fri., May 11th: 2:00 – 2:30 pm
Fire Station #12 Groundbreaking
5912 Cahalan Drive

Fri., May 11th: 3:00 – 3:30 pm
Fire Station #17 Groundbreaking
5170 Coniston Way

Mon., May 14th: 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) meeting
Almaden Community Center ; 6445 Camden Avenue

Mon., May 14th: 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Coyote Valley Task Force Meeting
City Call Wing Room 118, 119 & 120
200 East Santa Clara Street

Wed., May 16th: 6:00 – 7:30pm
Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Action Coalition Monthly Meeting
Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Center;
1180 Blossom Hill Road, #2

Wed., May 16th: 6:00 – 8:00 PM
D10 Youth Advisory Council Meeting
Almaden Community Center ; 6445 Camden Ave

Sat., May 19th: 9:00 AM – Noon
Great American Litter Pick Up
Vista Park Community Room; Intersection of New Compton and Hyde Park Drive

Also, please report these thefts to the Police Department as it helps me do two things: if we know about it, then we will be able to direct resources to the problem and impact it and two, it helps me obtain more police officers for our division.

Finally, no matter where you are or what you are doing, you really need to be cognizant of your surroundings, and if you sense something is amiss, or seems suspicious, don't ignore that, rather look for employees or neighbors that you can approach as there is safety in numbers. Most criminals are afraid of confronting multiple persons, rather they look for lone victims who are not paying attention to their surroundings or seem distracted.

~ Captain David Cavallaro
(408) 277-5530
(available Wednesdays through Sundays from 3 pm to 1 am)

City Council Meetings

The City Council convenes every Tuesday at 1:30 PM at 200 East Santa Clara Street. On the first and third Tuesday of the month the Council meets at 7:00 PM for Public Hearings. Meetings can also be viewed on the web at www.sanjoseca.gov or on the City cable TV station, Channel 26/26A.



Councilmember Nancy Pyle stands with members of the Hoffman Via Monte neighborhood, City Staff and many others in celebration of the grand opening of the new Pat Dando Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Center on April 14th, 2007.

Tues., May 22nd: 7:30 - 9:00 pm
VEP Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting
Vista Park Community Room (Hyde Park Dr. & New Compton Drive)

Wed., June 6th: 9:45 - 11:00 am
Almaden Senior Association Monthly Meeting
Almaden Community Center ; 6445 Camden Avenue

Wed., June 6th: 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Montevideo Homeowners' Association Monthly Meeting
Corner of Coleman and Camden, in the clubhouse behind the pool

Wed., June 6th: 5:00 – 7:00 pm
D10 Youth Advisory Council Meeting
Almaden Community Center ; 6445 Camden Avenue

Thurs., June 7th: 6:00 - 8:30 pm
ABA Business Networking Mixer
300 San Jose (Formerly Oakridge Bowling); 5420 Thornwood Drive

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

~ Anne Frank

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

